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AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Claims 1 - 16 (canceled)

17. (currently amended) An infant support for an incubator or a warmer or a combination thereof, the support comprising:

a planar support surface having a planar head end and a planar foot end, the head end and the foot end and being fixedly oriented coplanar with each other;

first and second elevators movable between raised and lowered positions, and coupled to the head end and the foot end, respectively to enable the support surface to be oriented in a trendelenberg and reverse-trendelenberg positions;

a driver movable in first and second directions; and

first and second drive plate mechanisms, each drive plate mechanism being coupled to the driver, the first drive plate mechanism being configured to move the first elevator to the raised position when the driver is moved in the first direction, and the second drive plate mechanism being configured to move the second elevator to the raised position when the driver is moved in the second direction.

18. (currently amended) The support of claim 17 An infant support for an incubator or a warmer or a combination thereof, the support comprising:

a support surface having a head end and a foot end;

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first and second elevators movable between raised and lowered positions, and coupled to the head end and the foot end, respectively;

a driver movable in first and second directions; and

first and second drive plate mechanisms, each drive plate mechanism being coupled to the driver, the first drive plate mechanism being configured to move the first elevator to the raised position when the driver is moved in the first direction, and the second drive plate mechanism being configured to move the second elevator to the raised position when the driver is moved in the second direction, wherein the first and second drive plate mechanism each comprise a drive plate having an outwardly extending member and a driven plate having a corresponding outwardly extending member.

19. (original) The support of claim 18, wherein each member of each drive plate is selectively engageable with each corresponding member of each driven plate of the first and second drive plate mechanisms for moving the corresponding first and second elevators between the raised and lowered positions.

20. (original) The support of claim 19, wherein, as the driver moves in the first direction, the drive plate of the first drive plate mechanism engages the corresponding driven plate for moving the first elevator to the raised position.

21. (original) The support of claim 20, wherein, as the drive moves in the first direction, the drive plate of the second drive plate mechanism does not engage the corresponding driven plate.

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22. (original) The support of claim 20, wherein, as the driver moves in the second direction, the drive plate of the second drive plate mechanism engages the corresponding driven plate for moving the second elevator to the raised position.

23. (original) The support of claim 22, wherein, as the driver moves in the second direction, the drive plate of the first drive plate mechanism does not engage the corresponding driven plate.

24. (original) The support of claim 17, further comprising a first lifting mechanism coupled to the first elevator and the first drive plate mechanism and a second lifting mechanism coupled to the second elevator and the second drive plate mechanism, each lifting mechanism comprising a plurality of spools and a belt coupled to the spools and the respective elevator, one of the spools being coupled to the respective drive plate mechanism to move the respective elevator between raised and lowered positions.

25. (withdrawn) An infant support for an incubator or a warmer or combination thereof, the support comprising:

a support surface mounted for movement from a level position to a trendelenberg position and to a reverse-trendelenberg position; and

at least one pivot member configured to move the support surface from the level position to either of the trendelenberg position or the reverse-trendelenberg position.

26. (withdrawn) The support of claim 25, wherein the pivot member has a pair of angularly spaced pivot arms, each arm having a distal end engageable with the support surface.

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27. (withdrawn) The support of claim 25, wherein the support surface has a head end and a foot end.

28. (withdrawn) The support of claim 27, wherein the head end is movable between raised and lowered positions as the foot end is maintained in the lowered position.

29. (withdrawn) The support of claim 27, wherein the foot end is movable between raised and lowered positions as the head end is maintained in the lowered position.

30. (withdrawn) The support of claim 26, further comprising a movable member coupled to the pivot member and a bi-directional actuator configured to move the pivot member.

31. (withdrawn) The support of claim 30, wherein the actuator is a bi-directional hand crank.

32. (withdrawn) The support of claim 30, wherein the pivot member includes a third arm extending therefrom and engageable with the movable member for moving the pivot member.

33. (withdrawn) An incubator or warmer having an infant support surface-lifting apparatus for moving an infant between trendelenberg and reverse-trendelenberg positions, the apparatus comprising:

a support surface for supporting the infant;

a driver;

a pivot member having a vertex and a pair of angularly extending arms, the pivot member being pivotal at the vertex and movable couples to the driver such that each of the arms is engageable with the support surface; and

an actuator coupled to the driver for moving the arms.

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